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Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of May 5, 2006

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed June 20, 2006, which have been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and further examination in view of the following remarks and arguments are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the specification has been amended to correct certain informalities noted upon review.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that certain features were not recited in the claims. In response, independent claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended for better clarity.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 10, 19 and 24-25 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-23 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1, 10 and 19.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of

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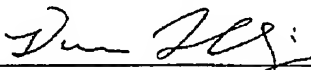
argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due beyond the fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to be charged to the credit card as noted by the enclosed authorization. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicants' representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: RCE Transmittal
Authorization to charge credit card \$790 for RCE fee

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